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12.1 PURPOSE

12.1.1 To give the student the experience of dealing with forensic casework that will eventually lead to successful completion of the program of instruction on impression identification. The student's examination for this segment of instruction will be the manner in which supervised casework is performed as determined by the supervising examiner and the Latent Print/Impression Unit Training Officer.

12.2 OBJECTIVES

12.2.1 The student will attain:

- A level of expertise at which the Latent Print/Impression Unit Training Officer (or the supervising examiner in conjunction with the Training Officer) feels the student is competent in all phases relative to latent print examination, to include professional attitude.
- The ability to function alone, as a well trained Forensic Scientist, in the discipline of impression identification.
 As such, it should be well understood that frequent consultation with other scientists in the same discipline concerning difficult examinations, identifications, etc., is encouraged for the duration of one's career. Attainment of qualified status does not remove the moral requirement to resolve uncertainties involved in instances of difficult comparisons, examinations, etc.

12.3 GOAL

12.3.1 To graduate a thoroughly professional examiner who can meet the demands and requirements to perform as an expert in the forensic discipline of impression identification.

12.4 DISCUSSION

- 12.4.1 Attendance in available classes for footwear and tire tracks should be an essential part of the training program. By attending during the internship phase, the student will derive the maximum benefit possible from the training experience. The experience gained during the internship phase of training will assist greatly in accomplishing training tasks required by the Division of Forensic Science.
- 12.4.2 Completion of an original research project serves to give the student intimate knowledge of the discipline and enhances court qualification. In addition, many worthwhile projects can be pursued which will ultimately benefit the entire Division of Forensic Science while minimizing the loss of qualified examiner time.
- 12.4.3 Before training in an internship status under an Impression Examiner other than the Latent Print/Impression Training Officer, the student must attain a level of demonstrated ability and competence such that only verification of identifications is continually required (case by case basis).
- 12.4.4 The student will be utilized in impression examination duties, under the direct supervision of a qualified impression examiner (usually the Latent Print/Impression Unit Training Officer), and is allowed to undertake tasks already covered in the program of instruction. The student's activities will involve performing duties as required by receiving, processing, evaluating evidence, report writing, completion of reports and forms required, marking and preserving impression evidence, and be completely responsible (within supervisory limitations) for the actual cases assigned.